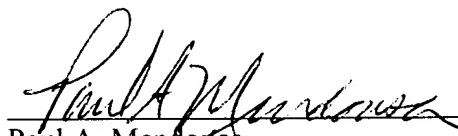


REMARKS

No claims have been added. Claims 7-10 and 29-32 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 36-41 have been added. Thus, claims 1-6, 11-28 and 33-41 are pending. Please charge any shortages and credit any overcharges to our Deposit Account number 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,  
BLAKELY, SOKOLOFF, TAYLOR & ZAFMAN, LLP

Date: DEC 17, 2001

  
Paul A. Mendonça  
Attorney for Applicant  
Reg. No. 42,879

12400 Wilshire Boulevard  
Seventh Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90025-1026  
(503) 684-6200

*I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on:*

17 DECEMBER 2001  
Date of Deposit  
TAYLOR & ZAFMAN, LLP  
Name of Person Mailing Correspondence  
Paul A. Mendonça 12/17/01  
Signature Date